

HENRI AND HIS CURIOSITY SHOP

Master Is Dead and the
Shop Is Under
Padlock

A QUEER CHARACTER

Gave Gifts to Sympathetic
Souls But Maimed the
Novean Riche

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 9.—A photograph of a hooded man with eyes of existence been removed, when Henri Kieffer died, and his skull was placed on the shelf of his curiosity shop.

To people interested in ancient things—furniture, josses, glass, firearms, silver and gold—the small old shop, a few steps from Kansas City's public square, had been a mecca. It was stocked high with old walnut, four poster beds from old Missouri homes, blankets of rusty swords, and many curious bric-a-brac.

But the main interest of the shop was its proprietor. He was a big, broad-shouldered old Frenchman, with a thatch of gray hair around a head mostly bald, with eyes that blazed quickly at a joke and were quickly compassionate at any tale of suffering.

Knew Famous Men. He had lived in Paris once—in the days of the third Republic—and Breton, the poet, and others. He knew Metternich visited him once at a hunting lodge in Austria, and Clemenceau—"Yes, I knew him when he was a young doctor, newly elected to the chamber of deputies." Now and then he barked back to those old days, as he sat with a friend at the back of his shop, drinking black coffee, and lamenting the general unreliability of cabinet makers, who were either too poor as craftsmen to hold, or uncertain because of their devotion to the bottle.

He was a man of warm friendships, and quick to remember his friends.

"Yes, you have been away two years. In the army, helping my France, it is not?" Ah, monsieur, old Henri knows and keeps track of those who are his friends."

Sometimes his Gallic generosity was actually embarrassing to those friends.

"See that little chain—is it not beautiful? I give it to you—no, no, there is no talk of paying. I will not sell it to you then. It is a gift, because you are my friend, and because you know what is beautiful."

Gift to Kindred Spirit.

"But, monsieur," the visitor would protest, "what sort of a way is this to run a business? You will starve to death."

"Never fear," the old man would chuckle, "there are many who come here who are not my friends—who swagger and talk loudly, and want old things because they are fashionable, not because they know or care if they are beautiful. The Lord sends such people to Henri, and believes me, they pay well."

All sorts of art students, writing folk and the like found Henri Kieffer a friend, and his shop a treasure house of amending delights and unfailing assistance. To take money from these friends was not to be thought of—this was a matter of courtesy, from one artist to another.

The principal reason that the shop is closed is that there can never be anybody to take Henri's place. It grew with him, was a part and parcel of him, and with him it has drawn the curtain.

Cleared of Wife-Beating.

Special to The World. TABLEQUAH, July 9.—After the examination of the witnesses against wife of Abraham Pack it was charged with having caused the death of his wife by administering a severe beating, was dismissed. Rumors that very damaging evidence would be divulged proved unfounded and it is now said that a man who disliked Pack may have started the report that the woman had been beaten by her husband. Among the witnesses who were examined were several fullblood Indians and for the first time in a long while the services of an interpreter were necessary.

Dispense With Farm Agent.

ENID, July 9.—The commissioners decided to do without a farm agent after the farm agent and demonstrator had gotten along on a basis easily followed. Following the resignation of Mrs. Southwick, who has been the county's demonstrator for several years, the commissioners reported to D. T. Meek, farm agent, that their decision was final and final, and although he persisted in going to the office, he would now be dispensed with. The reason given is lack of funds.

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Making Gold Out Of Copper

Johns Hopkins Professor Admits That Early Alchemists
Theory That Base Metals Could Be Changed Into
Yellow Riches May Be Right After All; Some New Ideas.

From the Kansas City Star.
It has been suggested that the chemistry coming into its own and childhood. That is the opinion of the late Benson, eminence professor of chemistry at Johns Hopkins University, who says that alchemists' theory that base metals could be changed into gold may not after all, and certainly is worth a second consideration.

In a recent address before the American Chemical Society at Portland, Oregon, Professor Benson said:

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